

Wolf Depredation Control Board

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Historical Summary

OPERATING BUDGET	FY 2020 Total App	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Approp	FY 2022 Request	FY 2022 Gov Rec
BY FUND CATEGORY					
General	0	0	392,000	392,000	392,000
Dedicated	0	591,300	0	0	0
Total:	0	591,300	392,000	392,000	392,000
Percent Change:			(33.7%)	0.0%	0.0%
BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE					
Operating Expenditures	0	591,300	392,000	392,000	392,000

Division Description

The Legislature passed H470 of 2014 to recognize that additional financial resources were needed to continue the implementation of Idaho's wolf management plan. It established a five-member Wolf Depredation Control Board in the Office of the Governor and created a set of new continuously appropriated funds and subaccounts to be administered by the Department of Agriculture. H470 established that fees from sportsmen and the livestock industry be allocated into the subaccounts with the expectation that the General Fund would also contribute. The responsibility of the Wolf Control Board is to allocate the moneys for control actions approved by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission. The board has a cooperative services agreement and a work plan with Wildlife Services (Section 22-5301, Idaho Code). H470 was set to have Section 22-5301 expire on June 30, 2019, however S1039 of 2019 removed the sunset from statute.

The Wolf Depredation Control Program acts as a conduit to pass moneys from the state, sportsmen, and livestock producers through the Wolf Depredation Control Board to the Wildlife Services Program under the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. The Fish and Game Commission requires that expenditures from the Fish and Game Transfer Subaccount be spent for the benefit of wild ungulates (hooved animals).

Starting in FY 2021, the Legislature provided a base budget of \$392,000 from the General Fund in addition to the dedicated transfers that have been treated as onetime to the continuously appropriated funds.

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Organization, Revenues, and Contracted Services

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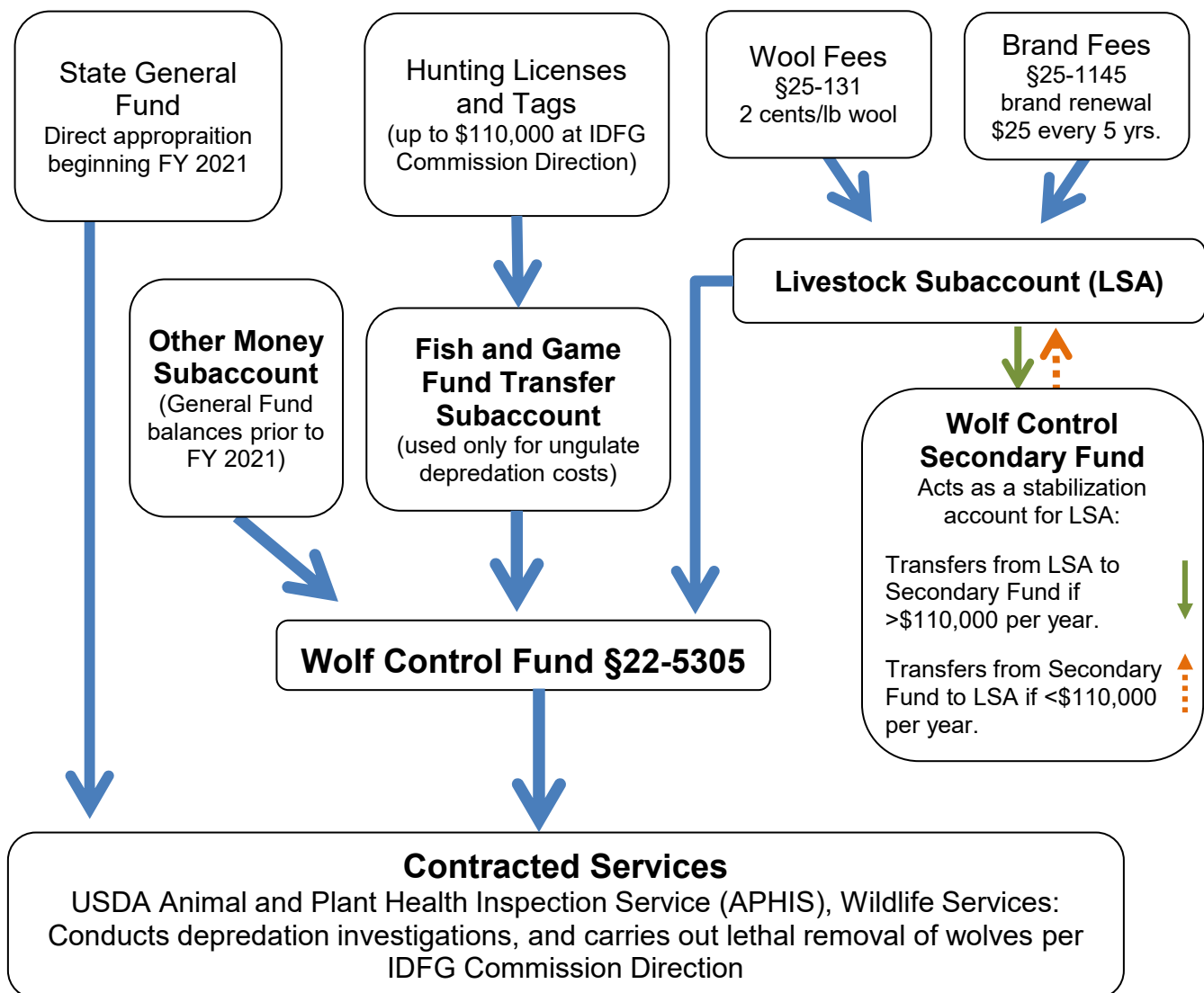
Organization

Idaho Wolf Depredation Control Board

- 1) **Celia Gould**, Co-Chairman & Director Idaho Department of Agriculture (ISDA)
- 2) **Ed Schriever**, Co-Chairman & Director Department of Fish and Game (IDFG)
- 3) **Tony McDermott**, Representative of sportsmen's interests
- 4) **Stephen McGrath**, Member of public at large
- 5) **Vacant**, Representative of livestock industry

Board's role to direct and manage funds for depredation control pursuant to Section 22-5301, Idaho Code. Staffing for meetings provided by both IDFG and ISDA, with relevant expenses paid by the Wolf Control Fund.

Revenues



Part I – Agency Profile

Agency Overview

The Idaho Wolf Depredation Control Board (“Board”) was created in 2014 within the Office of the Governor. The Board is tasked with “directing and managing funds” for the purpose of wolf depredation control within the State of Idaho. Four important elements encompass the Board’s role. First, a long-term solution should include a 3-way partnership between livestock owners, sportsmen, and the legislature (general funds). Second, a wolf depredation control program should provide for equivalent matching dollars from Idaho sportsman for contribution made by livestock producers, up to \$110,000. Third, funds should be made available to eligible agency partners that will implement wolf depredation control actions within Idaho. Finally, funding dedicated to wolf depredation control should not be used to compensate livestock owners for losses due to wolf depredations.

The Board has no management authority for wolves, only a fiduciary role for managing funding used to resolve wolf depredations. See Idaho Code section 22-5304. Wolf management, including decisions on how to respond to depredations, is under authority of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission and Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG). The Board contracts with USDA Wildlife Services (WS) who investigates livestock depredations. The Board also contracts with IDFG to perform work related to ungulate depredation actions. Upon receiving confirmation of wolves causing the depredation, IDFG will issue a lethal removal order to WS for wolves responsible for the depredations. WS carries out these IDFG orders and reports back to both IDFG and the Board. In summary, the Board was created to administer funding so the level of wolf depredation control service in Idaho functionally remained unchanged following delisting and loss of federal funding. The Board exercises no oversight authority over the Idaho Fish and Game Commission or the IDFG as it relates to authorizing or implementing depredation activities in Idaho.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

Fund Administration: The Board is responsible for the administration of the wolf control fund. The management of the fund includes setting procedures and standards for payment from the fund, entering into contracts and agreements with federal, state, or other political subdivision of the state.

Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Wolf Control – Livestock	\$93,700	\$110,000	\$113,100	\$98,100
Wolf Control – Fish & Game	\$95,400	\$93,700	\$110,000	\$110,000
Wolf Control – Other Subaccount	\$0	\$11,400	\$0	
General Fund Match	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$200,000
Interest	\$7,000	\$14,000	\$19,100	\$12,400
Total	\$596,100	\$629,100	642,200	\$420,500
Expenditures	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Personnel Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenditures	\$461,900	\$758,600	\$684,100	\$591,300
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$461,900	\$758,600	\$684,100	\$591,300

Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Depredation investigations	121	217	264	205
Confirmed wolf depredations	84	140	175	102
Wolf removal for livestock protection	42	75	66	93
Wolf removal for ungulate protection	0	10	7	17

Cooperative Service Agreements: The Board signed a new Cooperative Service Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services ("Wildlife Services") in August of 2020 which extends through June 30, 2025. The purpose of the agreement is to facilitate the authorized expenditures of funds by the Board from the Wolf Control Fund to Wildlife Services to be used by Wildlife Services to conduct a program for the management and control of depredating gray wolves in Idaho for the protection of livestock and wild ungulates, utilizing integrated wildlife damage management methodologies.

The Board signed a Work/Financial Cooperative Agreement with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to provide services to protect elk from unacceptable predation levels caused by gray wolves in areas where populations are not meeting management objectives and wolf predation is a significant contributor to overall mortality. The Board has a revised agreement with ISDA to provide fiscal services to the Board.

Red Tape Reduction Act

Each agency shall incorporate into its strategic plan a summary of how it will implement the Red Tape Reduction Act, including any associated goals, objectives, tasks, or performance targets. This information may be included as an addendum. The Wolf Depredation Control Board does not have the authority to promulgate rules. Therefore, the Red Tape Reduction Act is not applicable to the Board's activities.

	As of July 1, 2019	As of July 1, 2020
Number of Chapters	0	0
Number of Words	0	0
Number of Restrictions	0	0

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure		FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
Goal 1						
Effectively manage and allocate funds in order to continue the service of wolf depredation control within the State of Idaho.						
1. Distribute available funds to eligible contractors in Idaho to address depredations of livestock and wild ungulates						
Wildlife Services	actual	\$460,791	\$664,317	\$522,732	\$460,037	-----
	target	\$582,583	\$650,000	\$670,000	\$715,000	\$650,000
Idaho Fish and Game	actual	\$0	\$100,829	\$188,891	\$117,242	-----
	target	\$40,000	\$100,000	\$212,000	\$110,000	\$110,000

Performance Measure Explanatory Notes

Some of the contract work at the end of the quarter is paid in the following fiscal year, which distorts the comparisons with the targets.

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FY 2020 Actual Expenditures by Division

		FTP	PC	OE	CO	T/B	LS	Total
0.30	FY 2020 Original Appropriation							
0001-00	Gen	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:		0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0

1.19 Continuous Approp

0053-01	Ded	0.00	0	111,500	0	0	0	111,500
0053-02	Ded	0.00	0	117,200	0	0	0	117,200
0053-03	Ded	0.00	0	362,600	0	0	0	362,600
Totals:		0.00	0	591,300	0	0	0	591,300

2.00 FY 2020 Actual Expenditures

0053-01	Ded	0.00	0	111,500	0	0	0	111,500
WCF-Livestock Subaccount			0	111,500	0	0	0	111,500
0053-02	Ded	0.00	0	117,200	0	0	0	117,200
Wolf Control Fund-Fish & Game Transfer Subaccount			0	117,200	0	0	0	117,200
0053-03	Ded	0.00	0	362,600	0	0	0	362,600
WCF-Other Money Subaccount			0	362,600	0	0	0	362,600
Totals:		0.00	0	591,300	0	0	0	591,300

Difference: Actual Expenditures minus Total Appropriation

0053-01	Ded		0	111,500	0	0	0	111,500
WCF-Livestock Subaccount			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
0053-02	Ded		0	117,200	0	0	0	117,200
Wolf Control Fund-Fish & Game Transfer Subaccount			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
0053-03	Ded		0	362,600	0	0	0	362,600
WCF-Other Money Subaccount			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Difference From Total Approp			0	591,300	0	0	0	591,300
Percent Diff From Total Approp			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Comparative Summary

Decision Unit	Agency Request			Governor's Rec		
	FTP	General	Total	FTP	General	Total
FY 2021 Original Appropriation	0.00	392,000	392,000	0.00	392,000	392,000
Executive Holdback	0.00	(19,600)	(19,600)	0.00	(19,600)	(19,600)
Noncognizable Funds and Transfers	0.00	0	461,800	0.00	0	461,800
FY 2021 Estimated Expenditures	0.00	372,400	834,200	0.00	372,400	834,200
Removal of Onetime Expenditures	0.00	0	(461,800)	0.00	0	(461,800)
Restore Rescissions	0.00	19,600	19,600	0.00	19,600	19,600
FY 2022 Base	0.00	392,000	392,000	0.00	392,000	392,000
FY 2022 Total	0.00	392,000	392,000	0.00	392,000	392,000
Change from Original Appropriation	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0
% Change from Original Appropriation		0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%

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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
FY 2021 Original Appropriation					
The Legislature funded one line item for FY 2021, which included \$392,000 from the General Fund as an ongoing appropriation, rather than a transfer of a like amount to the continuously appropriated dedicated fund.					
	0.00	392,000	0	0	392,000
Executive Holdback					
This adjustment reflects a 5% temporary reduction in General Fund spending authority (holdback) for FY 2021 issued through Executive Order No. 2020-14. This reduction is restored as a base adjustment in FY 2022, below.					
Agency Request	0.00	(19,600)	0	0	(19,600)
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	(19,600)	0	0	(19,600)
Noncognizable Funds and Transfers					
H470 of 2014 established fees of up to \$110,000 per year for the livestock industry to be matched by sportsmen and allocated into the Wolf Control Fund subaccounts with the expectation that the General Fund would also contribute. Prior to FY 2021, all moneys were transferred into continuously appropriated funds for disbursement; however H645 of 2020 established an ongoing General Fund appropriation of \$392,000. FY 2020 transfers into dedicated funds included \$200,000 from the General Fund, \$98,100 from the livestock industry, and \$110,000 from sportsmen through fees collected by the Department of Fish and Game. After interest and expenditures are accounted for, the fund balance at the end of FY 2020 was \$268,400. In addition to the ongoing General Fund appropriation of \$392,000, the board estimates earning \$15,600 in dedicated fund interest, and transfers totaling \$220,000 (including \$110,000 from both the livestock industry and sportsmen), making available a total of \$896,000 for FY 2022. Any dedicated funds not expended are retained by the fund for future use, while ongoing General Fund appropriation amounts not used revert to the General Fund.					
Agency Request	0.00	0	461,800	0	461,800
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	461,800	0	461,800
FY 2021 Estimated Expenditures					
Agency Request	0.00	372,400	461,800	0	834,200
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	372,400	461,800	0	834,200
Removal of Onetime Expenditures					
This adjustment removes the estimated expenditures to reset the FY 2022 Base to zero for dedicated funds.					
Agency Request	0.00	0	(461,800)	0	(461,800)
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	(461,800)	0	(461,800)
Restore Rescissions					
This adjustment restores the 5% General Fund holdback removed as a current year expenditure adjustment, above.					
Agency Request	0.00	19,600	0	0	19,600
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	19,600	0	0	19,600
FY 2022 Base					
Agency Request	0.00	392,000	0	0	392,000
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	392,000	0	0	392,000
FY 2022 Total					
Agency Request	0.00	392,000	0	0	392,000
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	392,000	0	0	392,000
Agency Request					
Change from Original App	0.00	0	0	0	0
% Change from Original App		0.0%			0.0%
Governor's Recommendation					
Change from Original App	0.00	0	0	0	0
% Change from Original App		0.0%			0.0%

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Fund Analysis

Revenues, Expenses, and Fund Balances with Controls

FUND NAME:	Wolf Control Fund	FUND CODE:	0053	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Estimate	FY 2022 Estimate
Interest from all subaccounts				3,300	7,100	14,000	18,900	12,400	15,600	4,100
Statutory Transfer: Livestock and Sheep Industry				95,400	93,700	121,400	113,100	110,000	110,000	110,000
Livestock Expenditures				(105,200)	(95,700)	(94,300)	(110,900)	(111,500)	(111,500)	(111,500)
Fund Balance				95,700	94,300	110,900	111,500	111,600	111,600	111,600
Statutory Transfer: Fish & Game (match up to \$110,000)				105,300	95,300	93,700	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000
Fish and Game Expenditures				(55,600)	(75,000)	(100,800)	(188,900)	(117,200)	(113,000)	(112,500)
Fund Balance				86,000	107,200	102,200	27,000	22,200	22,200	22,200
Statutory Transfer: Match from the General Fund				400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	200,000	0	0
Match Fund Expenditures				(251,500)	(291,200)	(570,000)	(416,400)	(362,600)	(226,300)	
Fund Balance				428,000	542,400	383,400	380,700	226,300	0	
Ongoing General Fund Appropriation				-	-	-	-	-	392,000	392,000
General Fund Expenditures				-	-	-	-	-	(383,400)	(362,600)
General Fund Reversions				-	-	-	-	-	8,600	29,400
Total Available for Year				1,022,000	1,205,900	1,263,100	1,143,400	859,700	796,000	458,300
Total Expenditures				412,200	461,900	765,100	716,100	591,300	834,200	586,600